

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 14 line 10 with the following amended paragraph:

C1 The portable terminal device 3 sends its terminal ID data with request information to the server device 1 when first connected to the intermediate transmission device 2. A collation processing unit 104 collates the terminal ID data of the portable terminal device 3 with the terminal ID data of the portable terminal devices currently ~~able~~ authorized to use the information distribution system. A pre-existing subscription list of authorized portable terminal devices (for example those that have paid a use fee) is stored as user-related data in the storage unit 102. The collation processing unit 104 sends the results of collation to the controller 101. Based on the results of collation, the controller then decides whether the information distribution system is or is not permitted to be used by the portable terminal device 3 loaded on the intermediate transmission device 2.